

July 1, 1957

Dear Boris.

To yours of June 27.

I am really desolated to have to write this, but it would unfortunately be quite impossible for me to add another trip to my schedule, before next summer. I am really very reluctant to refuse a generous offer, but if I subtract just one more interval, the lab. won't see me at all and I'll have nothing to say, which is too nearly the case already. I am delighted to read you have been able to reverse the trend yourself.

We do not return from Australia until mid-November, perhaps December 1; I have a Harvey lecture and other engagements on the east coast during the next few months, and the symposia in April. I have also meanwhile accepted a definite invitation to vice-preside at the Stockholm Congress (August 4-9) and it is in this connection that I hoped we could get together. I am sure you have ample reasons for your earlier scheduling, but I hope you will not reject the possibility of coordinating with the Congress in some fashion, especially as the Congress may have some limited funds too. The man to contact about that would be Dr. George Klein, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm 60, Sweden, who is the secretary for the section on bacterial physiology and genetics.

Wright is about to complete the writing of his thesis. He has just now received the belated reply to one of his inquiries, which is enclosed for your information. He is still most anxious to work with you for a time if he can, and is pursuing the application, despite the lateness of the year. Is there any fashion in which you could helpfully intervene?

I am also enclosing some other miscellaneous materials. My role on the Symposium here was purely that of Corresponding Secretary, and I was to begin with rather less enthusiastic about it than some of my colleagues on the local committee; however, it looks like it may have at least some didactic value; the Gatlinburg meeting may be more instructive, and I hope in the long run we may see each other there. At least, I trust you will not schedule your own meeting so as to make this a physical impossibility.

Yours,

  
Joshua Lederberg